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FOR GUIDING A GUIDE WIRE :

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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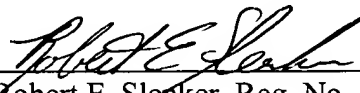
Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a two-month extension of time request is submitted herewith to extend the due date of the response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2003, and made final, for the above-identified patent application from January 21, 2004, through and including March 21, 2004.

Authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 in the amount of \$210.00 to cover this extension of time request is also submitted herewith. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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